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C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 0632

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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER PRESSURE TO UPGRADE PRG REPRESENTATION PRG OSLO

REFS: (A) OSLO 3972, AUG 29, 1974

(B) STATE 194101, SEPT 4, 1974

1. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HAS ONCE AGAIN INFORMED ME THAT HE IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO UPGRADE

PRG REPRESENTATION IN OSLO FROM LEVEL OF INFORMATION OFFICE TO DELEGATION GENRALE. FRYDENLUND BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF PRC BY CLAIMING PERSONAL CREDIT FOR  
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VOTING RECORD OF NORWEGIAN DELEGATION ON PRG ISSUES

AT LOW CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. IN DISCUSSING THE INCREASED PRESSURE HE FEELS HE IS UNDER FRYDENLUND, HALF IN JEST BUT FAILING TO MASK HIS SERIOUS CONCERN, ASKED IF NORWAY COULDN'T HANDLE THE PRG PROBLEM "AS SWEDEN HAS."

2. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME FRYDENLUND RAISED PRG MATTER (SEE REFTELS) BUT NOT THE MAIN FOCUS IS IN RELATION TO UPCOMING LABOR PARTY CONVENTION IN APRIL. FONMIN HAS HAD AN INDICATION THAT LEFT WING OF THE LABOR PARTY WILL MAKE A STRONG PITCH FOR UPGRADING LEVEL OF PRG REPRESENTATION AT CONVENTION.

3. I TOOK FIRM POSITION WITH FRYDENLUND AND USED OCCASION TO REITERATE SERIOUS CONCERN WITH WHICH US GOVERNMENT WOULD VIEW NORWEGIAN DECISION TO UPGRADE LEVEL OF PRG REPRESENTATION IN OSLO. HE THEN INDICATED THAT NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MAY RAISE ISSUE WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE. SHOULD NORWAY OPT TO RAISE MATTER IN WASHINGTON, I TRUST NORWEGIANS WOULD RECEIVE SIMILAR FIRM ASSURANCES OF US POSITION FROM ALL LEVELS SO THAT THERE WILL BE NO DOUBT IN NORWAY'S MIND OF (A) WHERE US GOVERNMENT STANDS AND (B) DESIRABILITY FROM US VIEWPOINT OF HAVING FRYDENLUND HOLD THE LINE ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.  
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